

REMARKS

In response to the April 5, 2006 Final Office Action (Paper No. 67), the following is submitted:

No claim amendments are made by this Request. Of all pending claims 1-27, claims 18-27 are withdrawn from further consideration.

Claims 1-17 have been variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over either Shea in view of Kiyama or Shea in view of Kiyama and further in view of Cohen or Shea in view of Kiyama and further in view of Uriu for the reasons stated on pages 3-6 of the Office Action. These rejections are identical to those contained in the previous December 14, 2005 Office Action.

Furthermore, the Examiner has responded to the arguments contained in the March 14, 2006 Amendment on pages 6 and 7 of the Office Action.

It is submitted that claims 1-17 are patentable over the proposed combinations of references for the following reasons:

As noted above, the rejections of claims 1-17 are identical to those contained in the previous December 14, 2005 Office Action and the arguments contained in the March 14,

2006 Amendment are accordingly incorporated by reference herein.

With regard to the Examiner's comments in the paragraph bridging pages 6-7 of the Office Action, the Examiner has argued that the preamble is not given patentable weight.

However, the Examiner has overlooked the fact that lines 16-18 of column 1 of Shea does not teach "a method for fabricating electrical conductors applicable for' electromagnetic protection" as stated by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action.

Rather, the cited lines indicate that a shield layer is deposited on the laminated structure [of the encapsulated fine line circuit] to provide electromagnetic protection.

Thus, it is submitted that Shea is not in the art to which the present invention pertains nor is it in an analogous art. Furthermore, since Kiyama is related to a transparent member for shielding electromagnetic waves, it is submitted that it would not be obvious to combine these two references in the fashion noted by the Examiner since they are not in the same or analogous arts.

As to the Examiner's response concerning improper hindsight reasoning, the Examiner has ignored the fact that there is no teaching or suggestion or incentive in either Shea or Kiyama supporting the proposed combination, particularly in view of the fact that

Shea does not even pertain to electromagnetic wave shielding as does Kiyama and the present invention.

In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-17 are patentable over the proposed combinations of references and should therefore now be in a condition suitable for allowance.

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon all of the claims now present in the application is respectfully requested. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

No fee is incurred by this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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